



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

John M. Adams

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Serial No.: 09/199,854

For: Uterine Contraction Detection and  
Initiation System and Method

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Group Art Unit: 3737

Examiner: Scott Getzow

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box DAC  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent Office withdraw its holding of abandonment in the above-referenced application. This Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment is timely filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f).

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment dated September 5, 2001 indicating that the above-referenced application was abandoned because the Patent Office did not receive a response to an Office Action dated November 2, 2000. However, no such office action appears to have been issued.

Applicant has reviewed the Patent Office's file wrapper and conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner. This research has indicated that the last office action mailed for this application was dated November 9, 1999. Applicant previously filed a response to this

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office action on May 5, 2000. The Patent Office's receipt of this response is explicitly confirmed in the decision on Applicant's previous petition dated November 2, 2000.

This decision on Applicant's previous petition also indicates that the application would be forwarded to the Examiner for appropriate action. In further support of this petition to withdraw holding of abandonment, Applicant notes the extreme improbability that the decision on Applicant's previous petition would be issued on the same day (November 2, 2000) that the Examiner would receive the file, review the response, and issue and mail a further office action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Assistant Commissioner grant this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment and direct the Examiner to consider Applicant's previous response of May 5, 2000 and issue a further office action or notice of allowance. Applicant believes no fee is required to file this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment; however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1322 (018033-00001).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10/9/2001



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